

CAN'T DO WITHOUT THE IVORY HUNTERS

Baseball Magnates Have Figured Every Way to Do Without Them.

New York, Dec. 17.—The baseball scout is a mighty important individual. Don't let 'em tell you different.

Time was, and only about two years ago at that, when some of our very best baseball magnates figured out a plan whereby they could dispense with the services of the ivory hunters.

Most of them thought that by arranging with managers in the minor leagues they would be able to get the same brand of dope on minor league players that the scouts were furnishing. Hence, they got busy appointing representatives in different sections of the country to look over the rookies and make reports.

Now it happened that a majority of the "magnates" who lit upon this line of reasoning were the owners of National League franchises. The American leagues were more friendly to the system of employing scouts, and as a result a majority of the youngsters who came to the big show and made good came to American League clubs.

After trying out the "personal representative system" many of the baseball men have come to the conclusion that the best way to get a real line on minor league talent is through the medium of the scout, and a majority at least, of those magnates who wanted to get away from the obligation of carrying two or more scouts on the payroll are expected to return to it next spring.

Dick Kinsella, veteran scout of the New York Giants, is going to be a more important scout on the Giant payroll next year than he has been several years past, and Dick may have one or two assistants.

For a time Manager McGraw thought he could comb the bushes, with Kinsella's aid, through tips received from his many friends in baseball. But McGraw has changed his mind. It is said, and hereafter he will place his faith in the gun-shots boys.

Club owners in the National League have been doing some consistent thinking since the 1916 series. The ease with which the Red Sox put the crusher on the Brooklyn Dodgers has acted as a burr under the saddle, and the owners in the older league are making plans to strengthen their teams and thereby put a greater punch into the playing of the league as a whole.

It has been said for several years that the American League is the stronger of the two, and the club owners in Gov. Tener's circuit are tired of hearing it.

Young blood—more of it than the National League has the title to at present—is needed to rejuvenate the class of ball in that circuit, and it means that if the club owners are going out after it they will need the assistance of the best sleuthing persons they can hire.

President Ebbets, of the Dodgers, will have four or five scouts looking over the ivory forest next summer and President Weeghman of Manager Tinker, of the Cubs, have made it known that no rock will be left unturned to put the Cubs in the coming pennant race. Other National Leaguers feel the same way about it.

DOPEY DAN AND LON



All's Well that Ends Well.

"Say, boss, ain't ya turrible sorta like Larry has quit 'n' name?" Ya betcha life I am, Lon, but 'n' big Frenchman done his part, an' sure served a purpose, for if any aspirin young American has 'n' least doubt in his top-piece that clean livin', honest endeavor an' manly behavior while in pursuit of his callin', won't be rewarded in the end, let him take a squint at 'n' lives an' records of them two grand old baseball idols, Napoleon Lajoie, an' John Henry Wards.

There they stand, two strong, healthy examples of what clever, determined, unheated of lads can accomplish if they only play 'n' game fair, an' accordin' to 'n' rules.

Both outstandin' stars in their chosen profession, which they are leavin' not only well provided for in all worldly goods, but with 'n' plaudits an' admiration of 100,000,000 people ringin' in their ears. Nor do they quit on account of ill health or disability, but simply because old Mother Nature has demanded her dues.

Larry has already throwed down his glove, after twenty years of sterling work, an' no doubt will soon be followin' suit. They have both been a joy to 'n' know, an' a honor to 'n' baseball.

Good luck to both of you, Larry, an' Hans! Now altogether, an' you too, Lon, with that nerve-rakin' alto! "When they're gone, old boys, miss them!"

LARRY.

An' 'twas way back in 'n' 90's that he left his old Woonsocket. Let his cab an' faithful cab horse, an' his faithful driver, simply because. Right into 'n' midst of great ones. Like 'n' mighty Delahanty.

Like 'n' war-horse Samuel Thompson. Then stepped right in to hit 'em. Hit 'em hard an' hit 'em distant. Said, "Behold, it is a real one!"

By 'n' stars a regular live-one! Bendin' like a wand o' willow. Graceful like a whirin' dancer. Who is this that come among us. Tearin' things all up and down. Then they made him great and greater. Made him greater of all batters. Ten times greater than 'n' others.

Far and wide among 'n' bleachers. Spread 'n' name of Larrupin' Larry. No pitcher could fool Larry. None would dare compete with Larry. Came 'n' Corbetta and McMahon. Came 'n' Russes and 'n' Griffiths. Came 'n' 'n' Stars and 'n' Giants. Came Dutch Leonard and Walter Johnson. And they stood there on 'n' rubber. With their spit-balls an' their fast-ones. Wildly glowin' at old Larry.

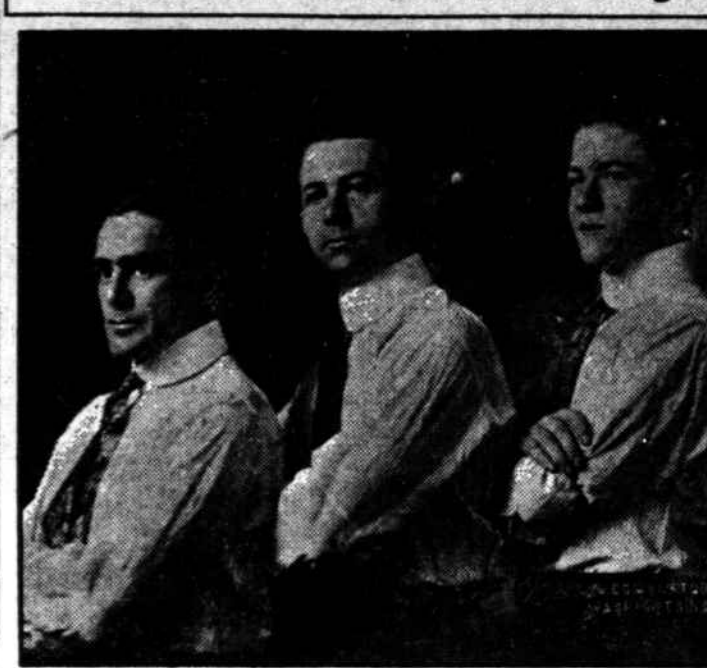
In their faces stern defiance. In their hearts a cry for vengeance. On 'n' mighty wallpin' hitter. But he merely smiled an' kidded. Went his merry way alone, an' said, "For twenty years he soaked 'em. Soaked 'em where they won't not." Then into retirement went he. Bade farewell to all 'n' bleachers. Bade farewell to all young players. Spoke persuadingly, spoke in this wise, I am glad, Oh my comrades! On a long an' distant journey. Listen to 'n' truth I tell you. Listen to my own true story.

"Play 'n' game for all that's in it. Play it early, play it late. Never shrink when called to duty. But always play it straight!"

DOPEY DAN.

Note—Lon says some guys are so 'onery that they'll squander an extra quarter for a facial massage just 'n' keep you waitin' a 'n' longer for a shave.

Office Team of R. P. Andrews League



R. A. Hall, W. R. Douglas and T. R. Morris are the bowlers with the Papermen's Office club, which is leading the circuit.

ANDREWS CIRCUIT IS GOING STRONG

Makes Up with Enthusiasm What It Lacks in Number.

Among the smaller bowling leagues of the city, the one composed of the employees of the R. P. Andrews Paper Company makes up in enthusiasm what it lacks in numbers.

Six teams of three men each are in this league. Each department has its representatives and the teams are named as follows: Office; Stationery; Contract; Paper; Balcony and Salesmen. At the present time Office is leading by five games, followed by Contract and Balcony, who are tied for second place.

In addition to the above teams, the "House of Andrews" has a representative team of five men which indulges in special matches during the year.

At the end of the bowling season it is customary for all the teams of the Andrews League to hold a banquet, at which the prizes are given and various speeches made, and in the past these get together dinners have been most pleasurable events. The averages:

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